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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC DECLARATION: FRG VIEWS

1. AT HIS JUNE 7 PRESS CONFERENCE, FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN, VON PACHELBEL, COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS ON THE SECRETARY'S JUNE 6 REMARKS CONCERNING THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION.
BEGIN TEXT...WE HAVE, OF COURSE, WELCOMED HIS COMMENTS OVER THE RELATIONSHIP--THE WISH FOR THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE
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WISE WELCOMED HIS COMMENTS OVER THE INTENDED COMMON ATLANTIC DECLARATION. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS CONFIDENT, AS ALSO SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS SAID, THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NATO COUNTRIES WILL APPROVE THE PLANNED DECLARATION AT THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA. I HOPE THIS WILL SUCCEED. THE WORK OF THIS DECLARATION IS, AS YOU KNOW, VERY WELL DEVELOPED AND WE ARE MOVING FORWARD IN THE DISCUSSION IN BRUSSELS INTO THE FINAL PHASE. SO WE HOPE THAT AT THE NATO CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA, AS HAD BEEN FORESEEN, THIS DECLARATION CAN BE CONCLUDED (VERABSCHIEDET). IN THIS DECLARATION, THE MUCH DISCUSSED QUESTION OF THE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC OVER IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND SECURITY POLICY QUESTIONS DOUBTLESS WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT WAS DRAFTED BEFORE REPEAT BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE BRITISH POSITION REPORTED AND DISCUSSED IN BONN 9055 AND USNATO 3188-PARAS 12 AND 13, BOTH EXDIS. END COMMENT.

3. AT THE SAME PRESS CONFERENCE, FRG SPOKESMAN,BOELLING, ANNOUNCED THE COMING VISIT TO BONN, JUNE 24-27, OF YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO. HE ALSO STATED THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT PLANNED TO ATTEND THE FRG/GDR FOOTBALL MATCH IN HAMBURG ON JUNE 22 AND TO BE PRESENT AT THE FINAL GAME JULY 7. WHEN ASKED WHETHER SCHMIDT WOULD BE MEETING ON THE MARGINS OF THE WORLD FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH WITH PRIME MINISTER WILSON, BOELLING REPLIED THAT SCHMIDT WOULD BE READY FOR SUCH A MEETING "IF WILSON WOULD VOICE A CORRESPONDING WISH".
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